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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed August 26, 2005, Applicant elects to prosecute with traverse, Invention III, Species 3, Figures 16-39 (sidewalls, screen strap zippers) Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 12-25, 28-29, 31, and 32.

Based on the restriction requirement, Applicant lists inventions readable thereon as follows:

Invention I Species 1 Figures 1-4 (screen and sidewalls) Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 12-20, 23, 25, 28, 31, and 32

Invention II Species 2 Figures 12-15 (with sidewalls and bag) Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 12-15, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32

Invention III Species 3 Figures 16-39 (sidewalls, screen strap zippers) Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 12-25, 28-29, 31, and 32

Invention IV Species 4 Figure 40 step for pets, Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 12-15, 26-29, 31, and 32

Applicant agrees there are separate inventions, however, applicant disagrees with the restriction requirement for several reasons. The Primary Examiner finds separate inventions in the Figures 1-40.

A policy consideration behind a restriction requirement would suggest that separate inventions exists that inherently would include separate prior art searches, examinations, examiners, etc.

The examiner has not stated that separate searches and separate examiners are necessary to examine these inventions. In fact, the examiner admits the four inventions are searchable and classified in the same class and subclass.

Further, multiple examinations on these inventions would be repetitive and excessive. Separate prosecution can create an unnecessary financial burden for both the Applicant and the Patent Office. If all Inventions I - IV can be searched by the same art unit and further by the same examiner, then having different examiners conduct separate searches and examinations would create an undue time and financial burden on both the patent office and on the applicant.

Therefore, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

However, in reference to the restriction requirement, Applicant again wishes to make their election to prosecute Invention III of Species 3, Figures 16-39: with traverse. If further restrictions are merited, please let us know.

Thus, for the above reasons, the restriction requirement is not proper and Applicant respectfully requests removal of the restriction requirement.

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